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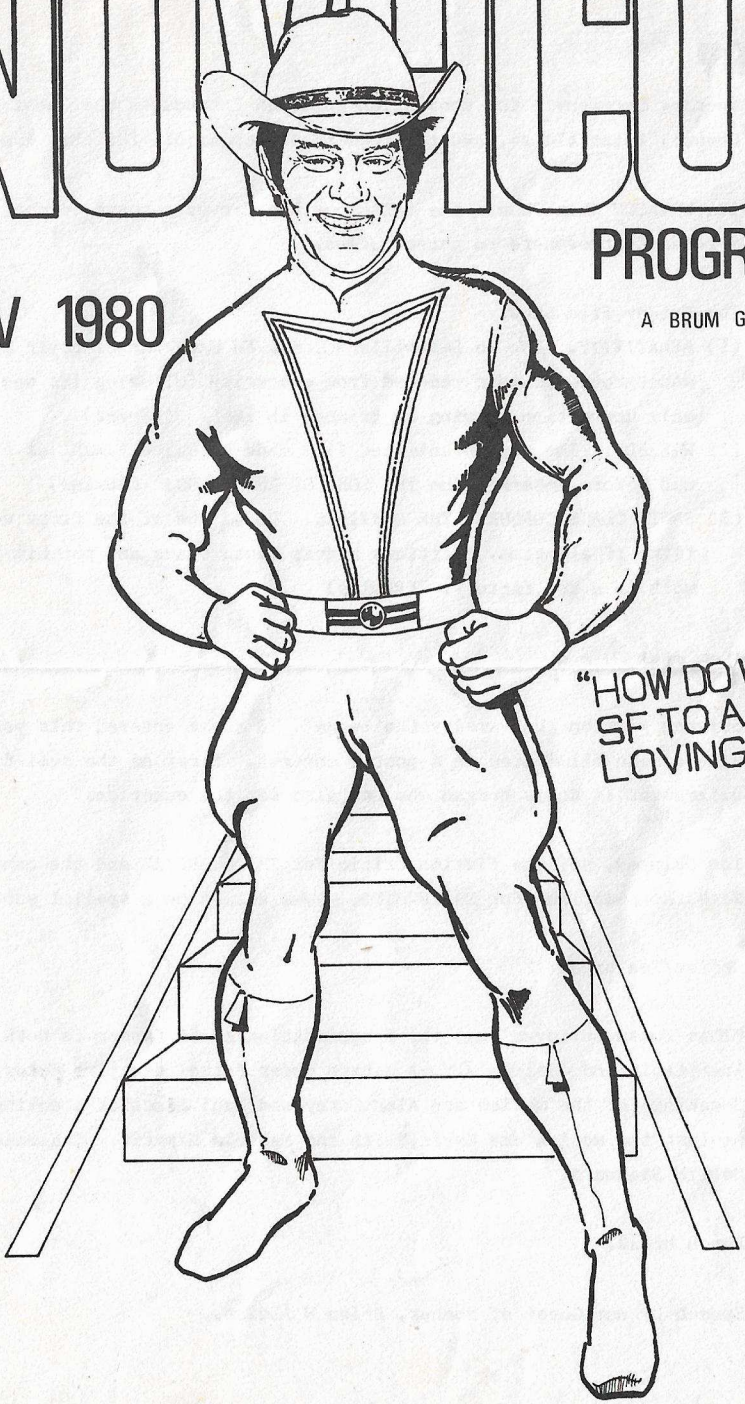


"HOW DO WE SELL SF TO A 'DALLAS' LOVING PUBLIC?"

ALL CONVENTION ITEMS WILL BE HELD IN THE CON HALL - THE WROXTON SUITE.

FRIDAY

8.45pm Opening Ceremony - the convention Chairman introduces the Guest of Honour, Brian Aldiss, and the committee responsible for this Con.

9.00pm The NOVACON Chat Show. The delicious Eve Harvey returns to chat in a relaxed atmosphere to three guests.

10.00pm The Friday Film Show.

(1) RELATIVITY. The Ed Emshwiller (Yes...Ed Emsh the SF cover artist) underground classic rescued from obscurity following its one and only convention showing at Bristol in 1966. (38mins)

(2) WIZARDS. The superb animated film made by Ralph Bakshi as a dry run before embarking on THE LORD OF THE RINGS. (80mins)

(3) SANTA CLAUS CONQUERS THE MARTIANS. Voted one of the fifty worst films of all time. Martians kidnap Santa Claus and put him to work in a toy factory. (80mins)

SATURDAY

10.00am Science Fiction 'University Challenge'. 8 teams entered this year and 4 have been eliminated in a postal contest. First of the semi-finals. Quizmaster is Chris Morgan who has also set the questions.

10.45pm Tom Shippey, science fiction critic for THE GUARDIAN and the man who sets the questions for MASTERMIND, gives a talk on a special subject.

11.45am Coffee/Tea break.

12.00 "This House believes that the fragmentation of SF fandom is both inevitable and desirable." A debate under formal debating rules. Speaking for the motion are Alan Dorey and Paul Kincaid; speaking against the motion are Kevin Smith and Malcolm Edwards. Chairman will be Tim Stannard.

1.00pm Lunch break.

2.30pm Speech by our Guest of Honour, Brian W Aldiss.

3.30pm The Phil Strick Moving Picture Show. A welcome return by Philip Strick with another selection of rare, scarce and interesting film footage.

4.45pm Coffee/Tea break.

5.00pm "How do we Sell Good SF to a DALLAS-loving Public?" A panel discussion chaired by Joseph Nicholas.

6.00pm The Book Auction, conducted by Rog Peyton. Come! See old Badger books auctioned page by page!

7.00pm Dinner break.

10.00pm The Fancy Dress Disco. Your chance to dance to the merry music provided by ex-BSFA Secretary, dj Graham Bullock. Spot prizes will be given for those in fancy dress.

SUNDAY

10.30am Science Fiction 'University Challenge'. 2nd Semi-final.

11.15am Coffee/Tea break.

11.30am "Aliens!" - no, not your chance to play Space Invaders once again but the title of a witty and intellectual talk by Birmingham's answer to Isaac Asimov, the one and only Jack Cohen.

1.00pm Lunch break.

2.30pm "What I did in America". A talk by the 1980 winner of the TransAtlantic Fan Fund, Dave Langford. Hear what <u>really</u> happened at NOREASCON II in Boston this summer.

3.30pm Art Auction, conducted by Rog Peyton. Science fiction and fantasy art originals going for cheap (and not-so-cheap) prices.

4.30pm Coffee/Tea break.

4.45pm Film: FIGURES IN A LANDSCAPE. Two men are chased across the countryside by a helicopter. (110mins) ("Rilly triffic" - Joe Nicholas)

6.45pm Science Fiction 'University Challenge'. The Grand Final - can The Surrey Limpwrists win again? Can they even reach the final? Will they even get through the postal eliminating round?

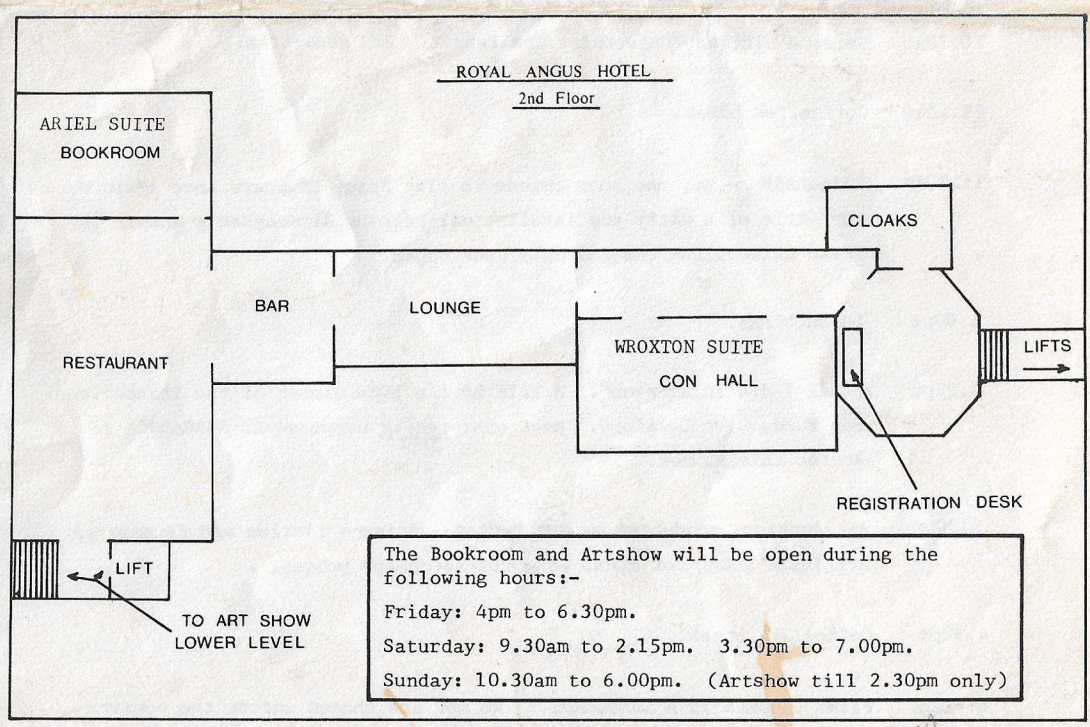
7.30pm Dinner break.

9.30pm Closing Ceremony. Presentation of the NOVA Award, Art Awards and SF 'University Challenge' prize. Announcement for NOVACON 11.

followed by

Film: DEATHRACE 2000. The 1975 film starring David 'Kung Fu' Carradine. Involves a car race across America, the object to kill as many pedestrians as possible in the process. (79mins)

Just a reminder that the Hotel will be providing snack meals at 7.30 to 8.30pm on Friday; 1.00 to 2.00pm and 6.30 to 7.30pm on Saturday; and 1.00 to 2.00pm and 6.30 to 7.30pm on Sunday. In addition, snacks will also be served at midnight on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. (Note: we will probably have a break between WIZARDS and SANTA CLAUS on Friday night to enable people to have their midnight snacks).



The Bookroom and Artshow will be open during the following hours:-

Friday: 4pm to 6.30pm.

Saturday: 9.30am to 2.15pm. 3.30pm to 7.00pm.

Sunday: 10.30am to 6.00pm. (Artshow till 2.30pm only)